

PACK 895 - FAMILY CAMPING CHECKLIST

Packing List, Suggestions, & Considerations

This list was originally made for our pack camping trip to Lake Somerville State Park in October of 2019.

The original document has been adapted for general use.

General Campsite Amenities Please check the amenities for the campsite you will be visiting & make necessary adaptations. Bring everything else you may want or need.

- Picnic table
- Fire pit
- Lantern Pole
- Electricity – Yes you will have access to an electrical outlet!
- Water Faucet
- Shared restroom facilities with running water & showers
- Firewood available for purchase

WHAT TO BRING/PACK:

Sleeping

- **Tent selection** - Tents come in a variety of styles, shapes, & sizes. A few things to consider:
 - The most common styles are dome tents or cabin tents. Both are relatively easy to set up with 2 adults. Some newer tents designs are “instant” tents with the poles already installed that unfold in place and can be set up in a few minutes.
 - Tent sizes are typically sized based on the number of sleeping bags you can fit in the tent and not much else. A typical 4-person tent will only sleep 2 comfortably with room for your stuff. If you have 4 people consider getting at least a 6 person tent.
 - Consider buying a tarp to place under your tent as an extra moisture barrier between the ground and your stuff.
- **Bedding**
 - Pillow
 - Sleeping bag or sheets/blanket
 - Sleeping mat, cots, or air mattress
 - Remember to make sure your cot or air mattress fits your tent with room to spare
 - Bring your air mattress pump (and an extension cord if it's not battery operated)

Food – Meals are on your own unless your Den plans a meal together. Consider the equipment needed and your comfort level with outdoor cooking when planning your menu.

- Minimal prep meals could include cereal, granola bars, or fruit for breakfast. Sandwiches are an easy option for lunch or dinner.

- The fire pit is available at each campsite for cooking items like burgers or hot dogs. The quality of the grills on the fire pit is not consistent, so I suggest bringing a small grill to place over the existing fire pit. Firewood is available for purchase or you can bring charcoal.
- Propane camping stoves are very versatile if you want to be adventurous. You can cook just about anything on the camping stove. Remember to bring pots/pans, cooking utensils, and dishwashing soap if you cook.
- Don't forget plates, utensils, paper towels, cups, and an ice chest with lots of ice
- Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated!

Clothing & Personal Items

- Shower Shoes – remember you will have to walk to the shower and restroom!
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Prescription medicine
- Class A Cub Scout uniform
- Pack 895 t-shirt
- Comfortable closed toed shoes
- Clothes for activities (fishing, kickball, hiking)
- Hat and/or sunglasses

Other general items to consider

- Portable chairs
- Lantern and/or flashlights
- Bug spray
- Sunblock
- Folding canopy to cover picnic table
- Electric fan for your tent
- Bring several extension cords to ensure your electrical items can reach the outlet
- Fishing gear
- Matches or fire starter if you plan on building a campfire
- Can opener (if you plan on cooking)
- Trash bags
- Outdoor games or activities (frisbees, football, etc.)
- Snacks
- First Aid kit
- Hand broom or brush & dust pan (to clean your tent)
- Toilet paper (in case the bathroom runs out)